

**Minutes of Over Wallop Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday
2nd October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, AEMG,
Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop.**

Present: Cllr Mr A Meek – Chairman
Cllr Mr C Sanger – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr S MacDonald – Parish and Borough Councillor
Cllr Mrs P Bunche
Cllr Mrs B Hunt
Cllr Mrs H Kynaston Drumm
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr D Drew
Members of the Public – 3

Apologies: Cllr Mr I Cleife and Borough Councillors Mrs M Flood and Mrs S Hasslemann – Palestine Ward.

WELCOME.

Cllr Mr A Meek welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chairman of Over Wallop Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES:

Cllr Mrs B Hunt proposed that Mrs Helene Kynaston Drumm be co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent Palestine. This was seconded by Cllr Mr S MacDonald. All agreed. Mrs Helene Kynaston Drumm signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council by the Chairman.

The Parish Council still has one vacancy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Chairman signed the minutes of the September Meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Bunche.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

PAVILION – The Chairman reported that the snagging list has been completed by Millway Builders. The issue with the roller shutter has also been resolved. The Clerk was instructed to pay the final invoice.

DOG BIN – TVBC have moved one of the dog bins from the AEMG to Palestine.

STREETLIGHT – The Clerk reported that a quote is being put together for a new street light at the Old Coach Works to include a shield that will stop the streetlight shining in neighbouring properties.

TELEPHONE BOX – The final parts and the replacement glass panel have been fitted.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

County Councillor Mr D Drew and Borough Councillor Mr S MacDonald's reports will be put on the Hub.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S MACDONALD:

Cllr Mr S MacDonald reported:

- That the latest edition of Mid Test Matters will be posted on the Village Hub.
- TVBC have submitted a proposal to the Government for the breakup of Hampshire, forming a Unitary Authority that will include Test Valley, Winchester, The New Forest and East Hampshire. The Government will, in due course, put these proposals out for consultation. Cllr Mr S MacDonald hoped to have more to report in November/December.
- The election of the Hampshire Mayor will take place in 2026.
- The food waste collection service is due to start on the 13th of October 2025.
- Information on a consultation on the future of the Post Office has been posted on the village face book page.
- The Appeal for an unauthorized development in a field adjacent to the A343 has been refused. TVBC will now commence enforcement.
- The next TVBC Resilience Forum is on Saturday the 25th of October at Kings Sombourne. Cllr Mr S MacDonald will be attending and others are welcome to join.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR D DREW.

Cllr Mr D Drew reported:

- On the proposals for the breakup of Hampshire County Council and the consultation planned for later in the year.
- The food waste collection service.
- A scheme set up by Hampshire County Council to help assist with the barrier to Employment.
- The closing date of the 31st of October for getting in submissions for places at schools.
- The opening of the County Councillors Grant scheme, however, the Councillors have received reduced funding this financial year.
- Hampshire Highways are taking requests to have white lines re-painted on roads.
- Cllr Mr D Drew was asked if there is a name for the new Authority? Cllr Mr D Drew stated that 'Mid Hants' has been suggested but could not confirm.

FINANCE.

Financial Report – October 2025

INCOME.

2 nd Half of Precept	24,500.00
Pavilion Hire	120.00
	<u>£24,620.00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Standing Orders:		£
R.N. Waterman	Wages	560.00
Came and Company	Insurance	451.22
SBPC	Storage	10.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses and Website	14.00
M Lovell	Grass Cutting	250.00
	Total =	<u>£1,285.22</u>

Payments made:		£
S. Day	Pavilion Cleaning	180.00
I. Cleife	New Lock	33.98
Millway Builders	Final Bill Pavilion	20,978.32
Michelle Shill	2 Years Website Administration	574.50
Flow Right	Telephone Box Completion	150.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	45.47
M. Lovell	Mower Repair (Church)	128.00
Lloyds	Bank Charges	21.05

Tree Technique Tree Work AEMG 22,308.00
Total = **£44,419.32**

Total Expenditure = **£45,704.54**

Bank Account Balances

After above movements

Current Account = £ 9,665.22

Premier Interest = £ 33,157.99

No 2 A/C = £ 260.00

£43,083.21

Breakdown of Funds held:

Working Balance = £ 5,491.63

Reserves:

General Reserves = £ 16,000.00

Street light Replacement Fund = £ 1,000.00

Over Wallop Community Fund = £ 1,496.00

Parish Hall = £ 500.00

= £ 18,996.00

Pavilion = £ 18,595.58

TOTAL FUNDS HELD = £43,083.21

The Parish Council agreed with the financial report. Proposed by Cllr Mr S MacDonald and seconded by Cllr Mrs B Hunt.

The Clerk reported that he has been notified by BDO LLP that they have signed off the Audit and that two issues were raised. The Clerk reported that 2024/2025 Audit was much more involved as the turnover was over £200,000 and Over Wallop was one of the chosen 5% for an in depth audit this year. This will be discussed at the November Meeting.

Cllr C Sanger suggested that a proportion of the audit cost be allocated to the Pavilion.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all the work involved in getting the Audit done and signed off. All Agreed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors for their support in electing him Chairman.
- The Chairman wished to record a collective thank you to Mrs Kate Dixon and Mr Michael Crowe for the work they did in getting the new Pavilion financed and built, a great asset for the Parish. Also, a thankyou to Mrs Kate Dixon for her work on the NDP.
Cllr Mr C Sanger also thought it appropriate to thank Mr Mark Goodman for the work he did when he was Chairman and to Cllr Mr S MacDonald for stepping in as acting Chairman at the last meeting.
- The Chairman stated that he aims to generate consistency of the Parish Council and will be looking at the roles of a Parish Council and their responsibilities to then submit an article for the Wallop News and to put on the Village Hub.
- Work on the management of the Pavilion is continuing, and progress is being made.

PLANNING:

25/01958/FULLN – Erection of Fencing, Gate and Field Shelter - Land At Andover Hill Middle Wallop Stockbridge Hampshire SO20 8EG. OBJECTION on concerns relating to the entrance to the site. As the large field has been split into smaller plots and sold off there is an increase in traffic using the narrow entrance off the A343. Concerns that this will cause an accident have been raised with the Parish Council.

25/02144/TREEN - Removal of overgrown Leylandii - Church Farm. NO COMMENT

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

CLLR MR S MACDONALD – Reported that he now has the three quotes for the new additional play equipment for the AEMG are being sought. An application for grant funding of £15,000 has been submitted to TVBC and the remaining £15,000 will come from 106 Developer money.

Hampshire County Council have agreed to the siting of three posts for the new Flashing Speed Reminder Signs: 1. Fine Acre Rise, Station Road. 2. Sundial House, Station Road and 3. Salisbury Lane. The cost for the posts will be £3,000.

An advert for volunteers for Speed Watch was placed in the Wallop News. There has been no uptake. Grateley have indicated that they have a list of volunteers.

Cllr Mr S MacDonald said that he has updated the draft Resilience Plan and suggested that a sub-committee is formed to take it to the next level. The Chairman thought this a good idea and stated that he will be raising the issue with the Middle Wallop Commandant who he is meeting. **Action: Cllr Mr S MacDonald and the Chairman.**

Test Valley Borough Council are promoting Community Orchards and are looking for sites. It was noted that TVBC owns a plot of land behind Printers Place, could this be a suitable site and could the children of the Parish be involved? Cllr MacDonald suggested that the primary school might be interested as well. Cllr Mrs P Bunche agreed to contact the Headteacher to see if there was interest there as they may have available land. **Action: Cllr Mrs P Bunche.**

CLLR MRS B HUNT – Reported that she has not had an up-date from Mr M Cavill on when the batteries will be installed in the Pavilion. **Action: Cllr Mrs B Hunt.**
The Pavilion is being used on a regular basis by Yoga, Ti-Chi and Hampshire United Football Club.

The Clerk reported that Openreach has confirmed that the order for the connection to the telephone line was placed but not acted upon. Openreach are investigating.

The Parish Hall is running well with regular bookings – no issues to report.

CLLR MRS P BUNCHE – Reported that she has been up-dating the Village Hub as information is received.

CLLR MR C SANGER – Gave a brief up-date on Fiber to the Home but reported that we do still not have a date when parts of Over Wallop will be up-graded. Residents can go online and enter their postcode on findmyaddress.co.uk; this should generate an up-date.

CLLR MR A MEEK – Reported that he has been in contact with John Taylor-Firth regarding the Cleaning of the War Memorial and the pillars on the grass verge. The central column needs to be treated. Mr John Taylor Firth has offered to get a quote for the work. It is hoped that the cleaning and treatment can be done before Remembrance Sunday.

Mr Michael Crow has been in contact regarding the wish of the Allotment Holders to install a water tank (cost to be confirmed). The Parish Council have been asked if they will get involved as they own the allotments. The Parish Clerk stated that the Parish Council were un-successful when they tried to register the allotments with Land Registry several years ago, due to other claims that had been submitted. The Parish Council will look into this before committing.

VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE:

The Chairman reported that the report distributed by the Wallop Community Shop Committee was very encouraging. The deficit has been reduced, and things are pointing in the right direction. The Chairman will respond to the Wallop Community Shop Committee. **Action: Chairman.**

MISSING ROAD NAME SIGNS IN PALESTINE:

Cllr Mrs H Kynston Drumm offered to take on the issue of the missing Street Name signs. The Clerk will pass on the contact details for the Test Valley Department that deals with this issue. **Action: Cllr Mrs H Kynston Drumm and Parish Clerk.**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mr Christian Anstis asked the Parish Council if the Parish Hall Accounts have been audited, the VAT re-claimed, and why are the minutes of meetings not on the Parish Hall website?

Cllr Mrs B Hunt stated that the Audit and VAT reclaim is in hand. Cllr Mrs B Hunt stated that she was not sure if the Parish Hall Minutes of meetings had been sent to John Francis the Parish Hall webmaster. Cllr Meek agreed to send the most recent minutes to Cllr Bunche to circulate via the Hub. Cllr Mr C Sanger offered to take over the oversee the Parish Hall website. **Action: Cllr Mrs B Hunt and Cllr Mr C Sanger Cllr Mr A Meek and Cllr Mrs P Bunche**

Mr Peter Hope congratulated Cllr Mr A Meek on his elevation to Chairman and thanked the Parish Council for all that they do.

Mr Peter Hope asked if there were any plans to clear the Wallop Brook of the weeds? The Parish Council thought this was the responsibility of the Rivers Authority. This will be investigated.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING:

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 6th of November 2025 in the Pavilion, Salisbury Lane, Over Wallop at 7.30pm.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

www.overwallopparishcouncil.org.uk